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turn
"SO YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND?"

smile
"BECAUSE HE'S YOUR FRIEND."

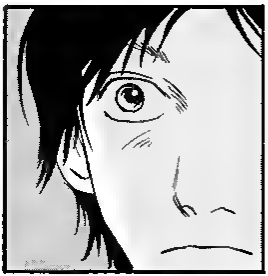
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO THAT'S THE CASE

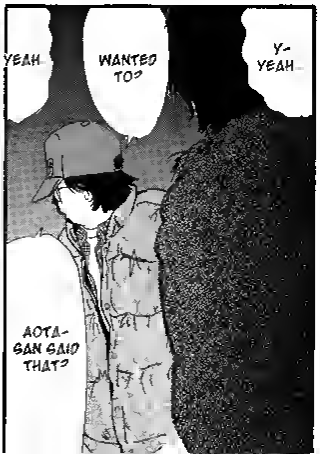
SINCE YOU'RE MY FRIEND!
IN OTHER WORDS, AOTA-SAN SAYS THAT'S SHE'S OKAY WITH MEETING YOU
IT'LL BE OVER BETWEEN US IF I TELL HIM THAT.
YEAH, RIGHT.
BUT HER CONDITION IS FOR ME TO COME WITH YOU
IN OTHER WORDS, AOTA-SAN WANTS TO MEET YOU
MM-HMM...

SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO MEET ME?
TH- THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED IT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED, OKAY, MAGA?!

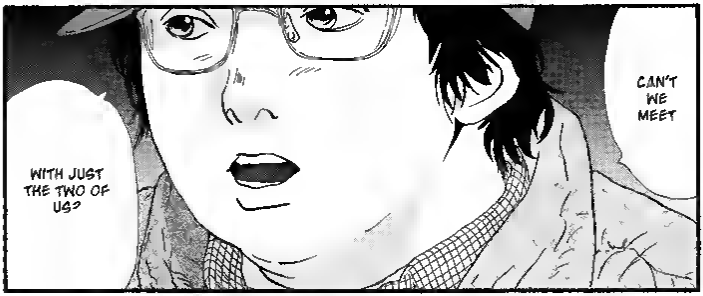
THE SECRET'S OUT! IT LEAKED OUT INADVERTENTLY!
IN SHORT, YOU REALLY MEAN TO SAY THAT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO BE YOUR FRIEND, DON'T YOU, ATSU?

TO BE FAIR, SHE SAID "COULD MEET" HIM.




Y-YEAH
WANTED TO?
YEAH
AOTA-SAN SAID THAT?

EDS
IT WORKED!!
I'LL HAVE HER DECIDE THE DATE, AND THEN LET YOU KNOW
O-
CAN'T IT BE JUST US TWO?
OKAY THEN!
HUH?
JUST ME
AND HER


CAN'T WE MEET
WITH JUST THE TWO OF US?

OK !!!
I'LL ASK HER! NO, I KNOW SHE'LL SAY YES!
THAT'S RIGHT! OKAY! THEN, I'LL EXCUSE MYSELF, SO IT'LL JUST BE THE TWO OF YOU!!!
GULP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO MEAN...
Y-
Stupid, stupid, stupid!
WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO SEE HIM ALONE? WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING? YOU'RE REALLY STUPID. STU-UUPID!
OF COURSE IT'S NOT OKAY. THAT'S THE MOST IDIOTIC THING I'VE EVER HEARD.
HOW...
THEN...
Stay where you can see me.
come to my rescue, Atsushi.
Then if something happens, I'll immediately
send you a sign, and you have to Imme-diately

OK!
NINA!

GOT IT!!!
...I WAS WALKING ON CLOUD NINE.

I THOUGHT I WAS
A BADASS HERO.
SHE'S HERE!
HERE SHE COMES!
GOOD LUCK.
GOOD LUCK, MASA!!

SLUMP
EDS
AHHHHH!!!
WERE YOU ALWAYS THIS FAT?
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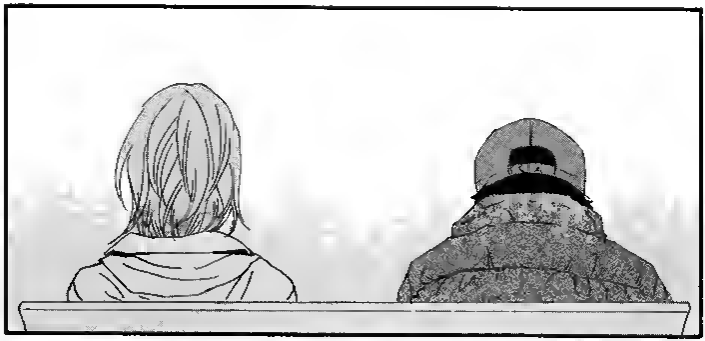

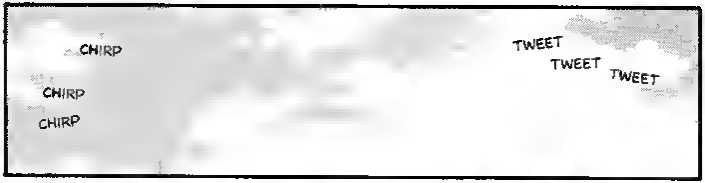
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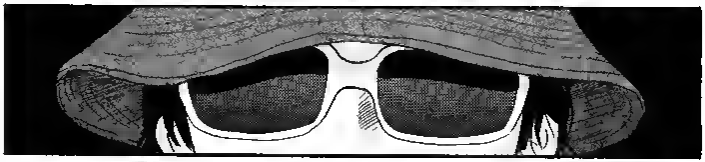

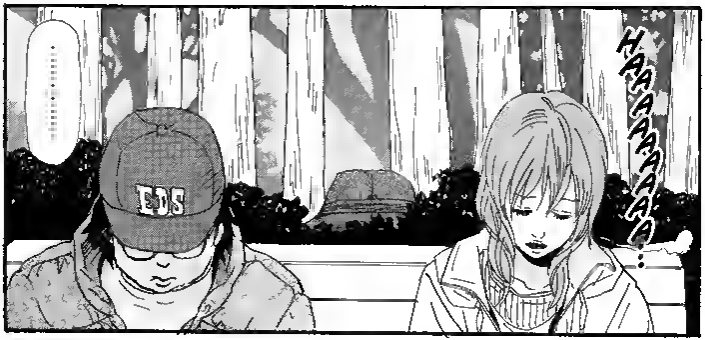
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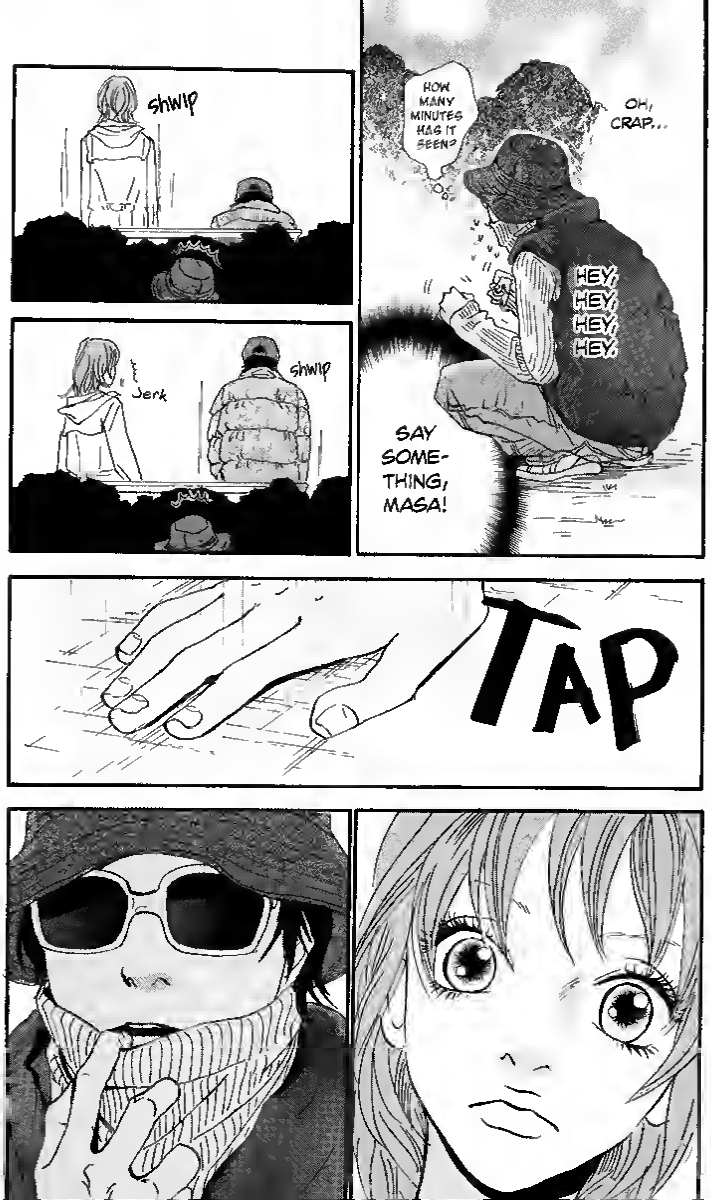
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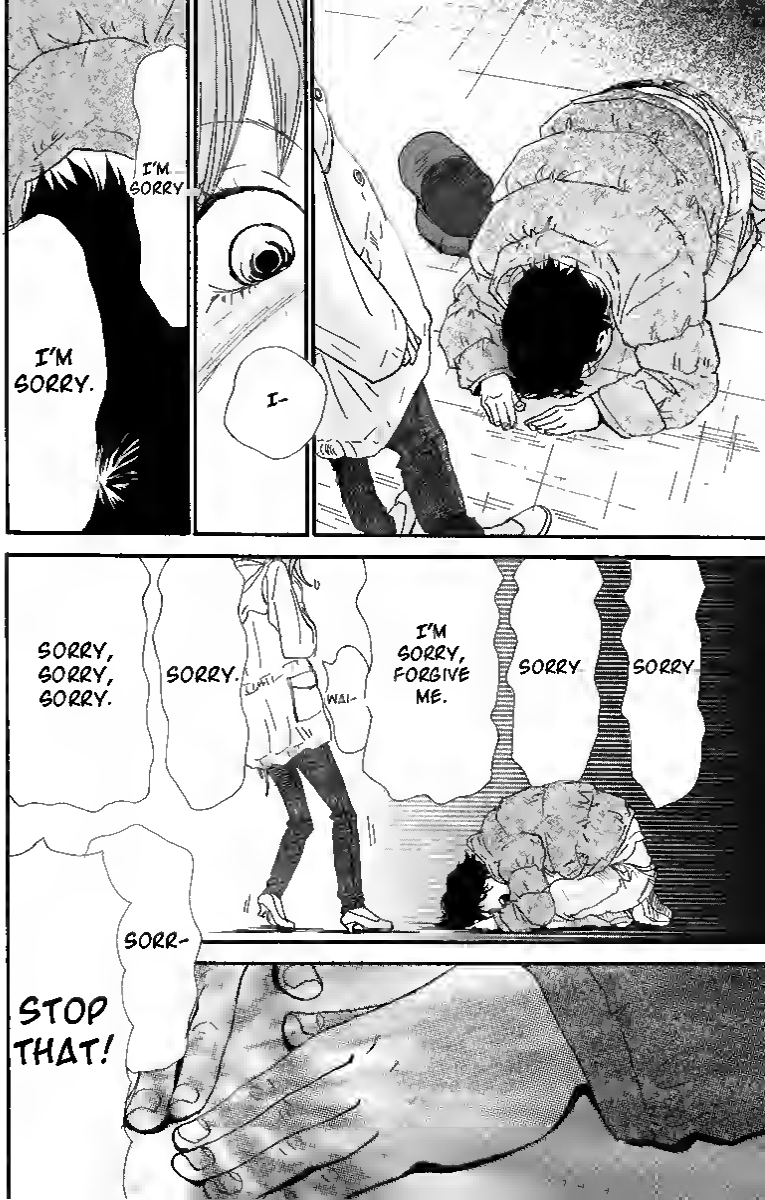
Jerk
HOW MANY MINUTES HAS IT BEEN?
OH, CRAP...
HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY.
SAY SOME-THING, MASA!
TAP


I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY.
I-
SORRY, SORRY, SORRY.
SORRY.
WAI-
I'M SORRY, FORGIVE ME.
SORRY
SORRY
SORR-
STOP THAT!

STOP IT
PEOPLE ARE WATCHING
.....
PAT PAT
M-...
MASA...
.....

YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT SINCE THEN...?
I HEARD
THAT WAS TOTALLY MACHO... WOW...
THAT WAS A HOMERUN.
YOU'RE AWESOME...
TO BE HONEST, SEEING YOUR FACE SICKENS ME TOO
UGLY FACES KEEP POPPING UP
I GUESS
YOU WILL NEVER DO THAT TO ME OR ANYBODY ELSE EVER AGAIN.
SWEAR THAT
BUT YOU HAVE TO SWEAR NEVER TO DO IT AGAIN
OKAY
YES, I SWEAR I WON'T.
NATU-RALLY...
I'M REALLY REALLY SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS...
FORGET IT, JUST STOP

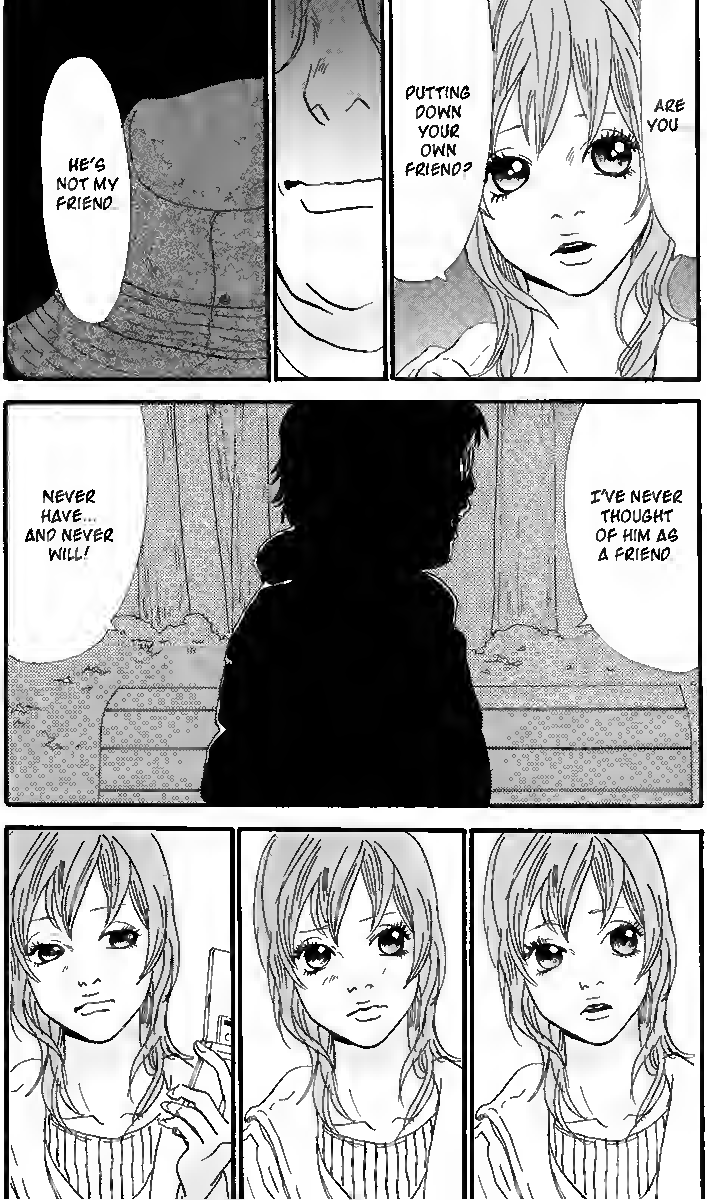
OR SHOULD I SAY THAT AFTER HEARING SOMETHING SO STUPID AND RIDICULOUS, THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO BUT SLEEP?
AFTER HEARING YOUR FRIEND'S STUPID STORIES
WELL NOW I CAN SLEEP
WELL, THEN
I'LL BE GOING
I'M THE ONE WHO FOUND YOU FIRST.
WHAT?

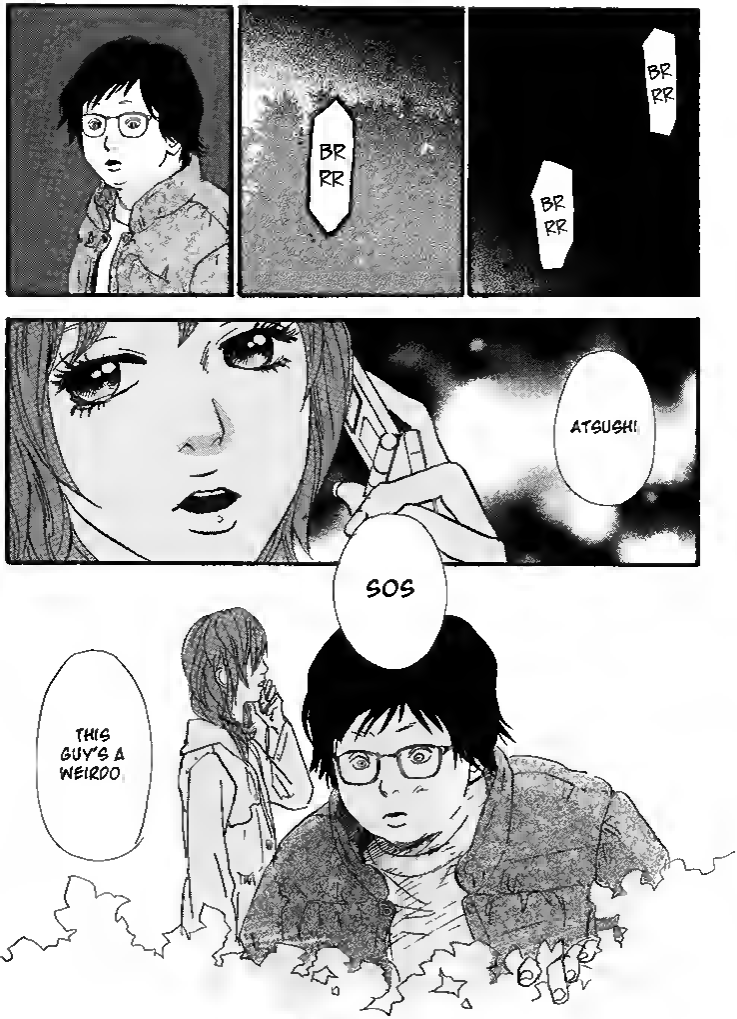
I WAS THE ONE WHO RODE THE TRAIN EVERY MORNING
THINKING ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL YOU WERE
I WAS THE ONE WHO LOOKED UP YOUR NAME
AND TOLD ATSU ABOUT IT
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHEN I TOOK YOU TO MY APART-MENT,
ATSU SAID I COULDN'T HAVE POSSIBLY DONE THE JOB ON MY OWN...
JUST LIKE HE SAID. I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ON MY OWN...
ATSU PUT ME DOWN IMMEDI-ATELY

AND THEN AFTERWARD, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT UCHIJIMA WOULD GIVE ME A HARD TIME, HE TURNED OFF HIS CELL AND RAN AWAY FROM EVERYTHING
IT'S BECAUSE HE WANTED TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF YOU
HE HELPED YOU TO ESCAPE
EVEN AFTER KNOWING THAT UCHIJIMA WOULD TRY TO KILL ME,
SO WHY?
HE KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME IF WE LET THAT HAPPEN
AS LONG AS HE ACTS NORMAL, HE'LL MAKE NORMAL FRIENDS EASILY
ATSU'S A NORMAL HUMAN BEING
AND RAN OFF TO SEE YOU
AND THEN WHEN I WAS SO SCARED, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO, HE JUST LEFT ME TO BE A SHUT-IN
THEN HE STARTED SCORING POINTS, SO THAT NOW HE GETS TO PLAY YOUR BODYGUARD

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MASA?
ATSU PRETENDED LIKE HE DIDN'T KNOW
WE LIVED IN THE SAME NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAVE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BUT WHEN I WAS SECRETLY BEING BULLIED BY SOME KIDS IN OUR CLASS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
ATSUSHI TOYAMA IS A HYPOCRITE!
HE PLAYED THE NICE GUY AND HUNG OUT WITH ME LIKE USUAL
IN HIGH SCHOOL, EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW I DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER FRIENDS BESIDES HIM,
HE HUNG OUT WITH ME AND ACTED LIKE EVERYTHING WAS NORMAL
ARE YOU OKAY?

YOU TOLD US OFF, DIDN'T YOU?
HAD YOUR HANDS AND LEGS TIED UP,
WHEN YOU
UGH, YOU MAKE ME SICK! UGH, I'M GROSSED OUT!!
I BET HER BRAIN'S FULL OF DELU-SIONS,
AND NO GIRL WOULD EVER COME NEAR YOU.
DOESN'T IT GROSS YOU OUT?
THAT'S RIGHT
ATSU'S NO DIFFER-ENT
WE'RE FULL OF DELUSIONS


ARE YOU
PUTTING DOWN YOUR OWN FRIEND?
HE'S NOT MY FRIEND.
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF HIM AS A FRIEND.
NEVER HAVE... AND NEVER WILL!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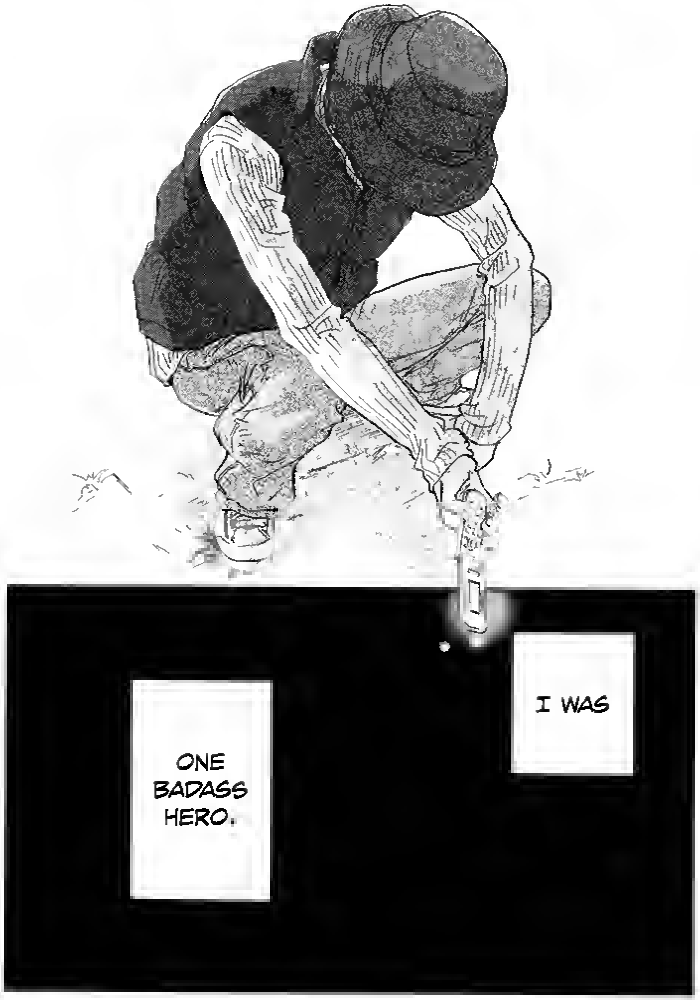
ATSUSHI
SOS
THIS GUY'S A WEIRDO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